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TEACHER SENTENCED TO 87 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR TRADING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGE

RE: UNITED STATES v. HENRY JAMES LUDINGTON

Michael A. Battle, the United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, announced that today Henry James Ludington, age 54, of 1999 Stevens Street, Ontario, New York, was sentenced by the United States District Court Judge Charles J. Siragusa to 87 months in prison and placed on supervised release for life in connection with his guilty plea on July 26, 2004 to possessing child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252A(a)(5)(B), which carries a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years, a \$250,000 fine, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Resnick, who handled the case, stated that on May 27, 2003, Ludington sent an undercover law enforcement officer eight e-mails which contained images of child pornography, including images of children under twelve years old. Subsequently, on June 23, 2003, the computer at Ludington's office at the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), 131 Drumlin Court, Newark, New York, was seized and found to contain numerous images of child pornography.

Ludington admitted in his plea agreement that he sent over 100 child pornography images over the internet. He also admitted that the images contained minors under the age of 12 and involved sadistic conduct and depictions of violence.

The charges in this case were the culmination of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter Ahearn.

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